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## **EX PARTE**

William Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

## Re: Gen. Docket No. 00-185

On Friday, March 1, 2002, Robert Sachs, President and CEO of NCTA and Daniel L. Brenner, Senior Vice President, Law and Regulatory Policy, of NCTA, met regarding the above-referenced proceedings with Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor, Common Carrier, and Susanna Zwerling, Legal Advisor, Media & Consumer Protection.

During this meeting, we discussed NCTA's views on the Notice of Inquiry on cable modem service and the implications of the information service classification on third party access to the cable system and related local franchising authority issues, previously summarized in earlier NCTA filings. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps Jordan Goldstein